

Appl. No. 09/872,715
Amdt. Dated March 22, 2004
Reply to Office Action of December 23, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Fujii*. (US 6,229,532).

In response to the Drawing objection, Applicants have amended the Specification to include text referring to reference character "300." The change merely clarifies the drawing and contains no new matter.

In response to the Specification objection, the Abstract has been amended to remove the "purported merits or speculative applications."

The §102 rejection

In looking at the cited reference, *Fujii* "provides a method and apparatus for building a URL menu to access Internet web sites. The URL menu is stored in a set top box after accessing from a server. *A URL is divided into a plurality of fields, e.g. three* [emphasis added]. Discrete fields are stored in databases within a server, and may be accessed and stored independently by the user into corresponding locations within the set top box. These three fields are individually and separately selected by the user with a plurality of buttons on a remote control . . . (Abstract).

Unlike *Fujii*, Applicants have amended the claims to include a feature of the URL "being a contiguous string of data." Applicants believe this added feature obviates the anticipation rejection of *Fujii*.

To have anticipation under §102, Applicants respectfully assert that the Office Action's cited reference does not anticipate Applicant's claimed invention, as currently. Per MPEP §2131:

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently describe in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628,631,2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the . . . claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim."

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Applicants believe they have addressed the Examiner's concerns. Therefore, the claims, as amended, are now allowable over the cited reference. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees other than the issue fee and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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